

LOD News Flash

Highlights

Maundy Thursday 7:00pm
March 29th

Good Friday Service
7:00pm March 30th

Easter Services
6:00am at Desert Willow
Park

9:00 & 10:45am in the
Sanctuary

Upcoming Events &

- Mar 13 YMCA – Chair Yoga
9:00am Sanctuary
- Mar 13 Bible Study –
Covenant 6:45pm
- Mar 14 Men’s Bible Study –
Rustic Café 6:30am –
“They Were Christians”
- Mar 14 Adult Study – 9:00am
“Follow Jesus”
- Mar 14 Silver Sneakers 10:00am
- Mar 15 YMCA – Chair Yoga
9:00am Sanctuary
- Mar 15 Worship Team
- Mar 15 PAL Meeting 6:30pm
Rm 101
- Mar 16 Silver Sneakers 10:00am
- Mar 17 Cursillo Team Meeting
- Mar 18 Worship Service**
9:00am and 10:45am
- Mar 19 Silver Sneakers 10:00am
- Mar 20 YMCA – Chair Yoga
9:00am Sanctuary
- Mar 21 Men’s Bible Study –
Rustic Café 6:30am –
“They Were Christians”
- Mar 21 Adult Study – 9:00am
“Follow Jesus”
- Mar 21 Silver Sneakers 10:00am
- Mar 22 YMCA – Chair Yoga
9:00am Sanctuary
- Mar 22 Worship Team
- Mar 22 PAL Meeting 6:30pm
Rm 101
- Mar 23 Silver Sneakers 10:00am
- Mar 23 Ashmore – Rm 101
- Mar 25 Palm Sunday**
Worship Service
9:00am and 10:45am
- Mar 26 Silver Sneakers 10:00am
- Mar 27 YMCA – Chair Yoga
9:00am Sanctuary

LOD Connections

March Change for Change Neighborhood Ministries

The mission of Neighborhood Ministries is to be the presence of Jesus Christ, sharing his life-transforming hope, love, and power among distressed families of urban Phoenix to ignite their passion for God and His Kingdom. Their outreach programs meet our community’s most basic needs including food and clothing and youth programs. Their empowerment programs provide case management, academic support, and workforce development. Contributions can be made with your offerings, designate Neighborhood Ministries.

Lunch Bunch

Friday, March 24th

Jade Palace

8876 E Pinnacle Peak Rd, Scottsdale

Sign up at the LOD Connections Table

“ADOPT-A-STREET” and Easter Preparations

March 31, 2018 Revised

The Light of the Desert contract with Phoenix requires a quarterly clean up of Cave Creek Rd. We need a few volunteers to help clean up trash on Cave Creek Rd. Our 2nd quarter clean up will be Saturday March 31st at 7:30am. We will also be loading the trailer for Sunrise Service and doing a few landscaping needs.

Please contact Steve Larson by phone, text, or email if you can help.

LOD Facilities Coordinator, Steve Larson, Direct 480-563-5339,

Cell 480-628-1391 steve@larsonproperty.com

Women’s Retreat Weekend

April 27th thru 29th

Chapel Rock Conference Center Prescott AZ

“Strong Hearts – When Compassion and Courage Collide”

The heart is the home of both compassion and courage. While these two attributes are usually thought of as opposing characteristics, both require strength. Women usually consider themselves as either compassionate or courageous, but not both. Through fun activities, talks, quiet time and fellowship, this retreat unpacks each of these characteristics and allows us to see ourselves on either end of the spectrum. We will also look at the lives of some very notable women of God to see how both compassion and courage played an important part in their lives. Sign up sheet at the LOD Connections Table

Cost \$175 per person for the entire weekend!

For questions please contact Nancy Haley 480-766-8623 or nanc89247@aol.com

“Cut – Ups”

On April 3, the CUT UPS project will be “Packing Purses” that will be donated to Women’s Shelters.

Please help us by sharing a large purse (or two) that would benefit a new owner. Bring them to church office. Thank you!

Global Connections

The 2018 Walk4Water is on Saturday April 7th!

Walk – Sponsor - Help

Please contact us if you are interested in helping and we will be in touch with you!

The Walk4Water Steering Committee

Brian and Peggy O'Rourke

Susan and Ken Howell

Hope4Kids Mission Trips

There are many opportunities to take a short term mission trip this year with Hope4Kids.

I can tell you from personal experience – there is nothing quite like it.

Here are the planned trips for this year, for more information you can contact their office at (623) 979-5516 or email amy@h4ki.org.

Mission Trip Opportunities in 2018

Uganda July 3-16, July 16-29, November 6-19

Philippines October 9-18

Romania May 8-17

Cuba August 2-11, October 23-November 1

Guatemala August 2-9

Mexico **March 23-25**, May 4-6, July 27-29, September 21-23

If you have sponsored a child(ren) with Hope4Kids they will have scheduled time for you to get to meet them.

This is an opportunity that will change your life!

Apply at h4ki.org/trips

Kasolo Village Update

Funds have been wired to our builder and engineer in Uganda, Jawori Patrick, as he is ready to start construction on the Pastor's home and medical clinic in Kasolo. God continues to multiply our blessings. He employs local youth on all his projects to help pay their school fees. He had recently learned of 10 boys who had passed their O level exams, a high school proficiency test, but had no funds to stay in school. By giving them work for 3 weeks on the Kasolo project, they will earn enough to stay in school. *God is good – All the time!*

Kasolo Uganda

1. **Pray** for the people in our village, for their health and safety and most of all that they might each grow to have a deep relationship with God.
2. **Pray** about going on a mission trip
3. **Donate** for the Village of Kasolo
4. **Put** together a Hygiene Kit
5. **Pray about sponsoring a child**
6. **Pray about sponsoring a women** - one year educational program– upon graduation she is prepared to better support herself and her family.

We have still have children in our village signed up that need sponsors, if you might be interested let Patty know.

Support for Hope4Kids can also be taken as Tax Credits. Check out foothillsfoodbank.com

Pray for our Missionaries

VOM – Persecuted Church

Continue to pray for those who are being persecuted for their faith in Jesus Christ

Bangladesh - Scotts

Praise and prayers for the leadership team at LAMB including Lai Keng in her role as finance director. Ask for wisdom, stamina, endurance, and everything needful to meet the challenges each day brings. Prayers for God's provision for the Scott's and for the endeavors of his team.

France - Goods

Pray for their ministry in this University City that has a potential to reach over 60,000 students and their outreach to the neighborhoods.

Lebanon – Liss'

Prayers for safety as they continue to minister in this volatile area.

Praise for safe travel and for Kyrie's return to health.

Bosnia –

Pastor Karmelo Kresonja

Please join with us in the following prayers:

Pray for a group of young people coming from a Charismatic Catholic group from a neighboring town. Pray for wisdom to help them grow in faith, discipleship, and baptism.

Pray for the regular activities of the church especially where non-believers come: English classes, fitness, knitting group, mother's prayer group, book club, kid's club...

Pray for the formation of new home group where believers can grow and seekers can find out more about the Bible and faith in God

After almost 20 years of waiting for a building permit to build a church building, and after seven years of moving from place to place without a space of our own, we have a unique opportunity to buy a building that's almost move-in ready.

We need about \$50,000 to help us buy this property, pay all the taxes and fees, and do some minor renovations that will allow us to move in. Please pray for God's will and provision for the acquisition of this space. We would like to move in by May of this year.

The Eikosts

The three locations we focused on are in north-central Bosnia, near the Croatian border. There are no established churches or outreach ministries in these towns. We are asking the Lord to open doors for ministry and future church planting opportunities.

We were deeply impressed with the need for healing, cleansing and freedom from addiction.

Prayers for Danny and Erin Garrido a young couple in the U.S. preparing for overseas service.

Prayers for praise and continued direction in our ministries and God's provision financially and spiritually.

The Opaceks

- Pray for our little flock in Vares (they are not regular, especially two, though they consider themselves a part of the church) for growth and spiritual understanding.

- Pray for open people and people who are already touched by the God who will receive Word and respond to it.

- Pray for people who are witnesses and we testified that they may be saved

- Pray for to go to prayer walks to other cities

- Pray for wise communication with people in villages and in Vares

- Pray for the future camp Emanuel

Thank you for your prayers!

Pastor Saša

1. Praise for all the good things God has been doing: the Reformation 500 Year Event, Operation Christmas Child and youth work. Prayer for God to continue to work in the lives of those touched by these different events and projects.

2. After a break in January, we are starting with home groups again after a two week seminar on spiritual gifts.

Currently we have four home groups going in our church. We ask for your prayers that God would strengthen and deepen our home group ministry as we know that this is a primary place where discipleship happens!

3. Annual Church Assembly Meeting: On February 24, we will have our annual church business meeting. Please pray that God would guide us all as church members in wisdom and grace as we seek to lead this church together. We ask for your prayers for our church leadership that we would facilitate the meeting well.

4. Ithus- Second Hand Shop: We continue to seek the Lord's guidance for our second hand shop. We have currently let one of our employees go and are in the process of shutting down one of the shops in the Dobrinja neighborhood. This will leave our Ilidža shop and we are praying to see what our next step is. We ask for your prayers for wisdom on how to go forward. Please also pray for our worker that we had to let go.

5. Planning for Camps. We are starting to plan for our summer camps that we organize for our denomination Evangelical Church of Bosnia-Herzegovina. We ask for your prayers for our camp planning team and for the Spirit's guidance as we prepare camp program and other logistics.

[Community Connections](#)

Thursday, March 22nd – Saturday, March 24th

16401 North 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85053

Tournament is located at Northwest Christian School

Volunteers are needed to invest a few hours of time judging student speakers and providing feedback on their performance. I volunteered for this last year and it was a blast. They need a lot of community judges and want them from all walks of life. You don't have to be an expert and they train you. I had never judged before and felt blessed to see how eloquent, intelligent and creative our young people are. And I learned things about real issues! You'll be judging homeschooled students and content can include Christian topics. (If you need any more enticement, the foods in the judges' lounge were amazing!)

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Powell at (480)595-1708 or psuqt63@yahoo.com.

Register at <https://camelbackclassic2018.homeschooldebate.net/>

and click on Community and Parent Judge Registration at the top of the page..

Steven Green in Concert

Friday, May 4 at 7:00pm

Paradise Valley Christian Preparatory

We would appreciate it if you would share this exciting event with your church community.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$30 for VIP seating.

Tickets are available at <https://www.itickets.com/events/394725>

Steven Green is a 7-time Dove award winner, 4 time Grammy nominee, and has 13 number one hits, selling over 3 million albums!

Mars Hill Speech and Debate

Volunteer for the Foothills Caring Corps

Put your Faith in Action! Your talents can be put to good use as a

Drivers Needed! Do you want to make a difference in the life of a senior or adult with a disabling condition who is unable to drive? Would you like to volunteer on a van trip to the theater or shopping with a group of fun and lively adults? What about delivering a nutritious lunch time meal to a senior who needs help with preparing food? Or a scheduled trip to the doctor in your own car? You can make a difference - please join us! Visit our website for information on volunteering at: www.foothillscaringcorps.com. Or call us at 480-488-1105.

Foothills Food Bank

March Wish List

Pasta Sauce, Jelly, Soups – Cream, Chunky, Condensed

Chili, Peanut Butter, Tuna, Juice

Toiletries – Razors, Shampoo, Conditioner,

Deodorant for Male/Female, Bars of Soap

Diapers – Size- 4, 5, 6

Donations can be taken directly to the food bank at 6038 E. Hidden Valley Dr. Cave Creek

Support for the Food Bank can also be given thru Arizona Tax Credits. Check out foothillsfoodbank.com

Kiwanis Market Place

The Marketplace is a great option for giveaways. You can drop off items Tuesday to Saturday, 9 to 4 or call them for pick-up, 480-488-8400

Celebrate Recovery

Helps Adults with: Chemical Dependency, Alcohol, Gambling, Anger, Sex Addiction, Codependency and Eating disorders & Abuse.

Tuesday at 7:00p Carefree Highway Community Church 5025 East Carefree Highway, Cave Creek AZ 85331

Desert Foothills Al-Anon

For loved ones affected by another's drinking or substance abuse. Tuesday at 7:00p

Christ the Lord Lutheran Church 9205 E Cave Creek Rd, Carefree

Faith Based Grief Support Group

This faith based support group is open, co-ed, non-denominational. Facilitated by Dr. Pat Moseley Nichols, Psychologist

Thursday at 4:00p, no charge. Desert Hills Presbyterian Church, in the Lounge of the Fellowship Center.

34605 N. Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85262

P.A.L. – Parents of Addicted Loved Ones

Support for parents of loved ones who struggle with addiction

Thursday at 6:30p Light of the Desert Lutheran Church 33175 N Cave Creek Rd. Cave Creek AZ 85331

Magic Bird Arts & Craft Show

March 23rd, 24th, and 25th

Road House Parking Lot

Be sure to check out Doreen Mourer's booth!

Job Opportunity

Leslie's Pool Supplies Service & Repair

Is hiring – visit their jobs and careers page at www.lesliespool.com

Or contact Randee Rudick, Manager at 480-538-8626